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## Aluminum Plant Official Outlines Pollution Goals

COLUMBIA FALLS — Chuck Taylor, Anaconda Aluminum Co. plant manager at Columbia Falls, said today his company has hopes of cutting fluoride emission at Columbia Falls to 2,500 pounds per day average by July 1, 1972.

"Unfortunately, existing technology provides no clues to cutting below that figure," he said.

Taylor's prediction came on the heels of a Montana State Board of Health recommendation that the Columbia Falls plant be granted a two-year reprieve from stringent air pollution standards that went into effect July 1.

The standard permits emission of 864 pounds per day of fluorine.

"I don't like the standard, and I don't know yet how we'll get below the 2,500 pound figure we should reach by July 1, 1972," he reiterated.

Presently, the Columbia Falls plant is emitting about 5,000 pounds of fluorine daily.

However, Taylor reported his firm's pilot project — a Venturi-Ducon process scrubber — is "doing what we expected it to do."

Taylor indicated his firm plans to report to the State Board of Health from time to time or in case of a major finding.